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PRISON: Simon Meecham has been sentenced to 22 years for the murder of Leanne Meecham



A MAN has been sentenced to 22 years in prison after being found guilty of the murder of his former partner who died after being stabbed at her home in Westcliff.

Simon Meecham, 43, had denied murdering 26-year-old Leanne Meecham but was found guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Wednesday, August 13.

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Summer music



MUSIC FESTIVAL: Members of the Ecco Club who will be holding the Summer Musical Festival

Photo by Mark Cleveland

FAMILIES will be able to celebrate the end of the school summer holidays at the Ecco Club, in Southend, by attending the Summer Music Festival.

All proceeds from the event being held on Sunday, August 24, will go towards Havens Hospices.

The festival is in its third year with previous years proving a success at the club in Thornford Gardens. Entertainment at this year's event will include face painting, a bouncy castle, Beat the

Goalie, a raffle and a barbecue with eight different acts playing through the day. Maxine Matthews, from the Ecco Sports and Social Club, said: "This is an outdoor event for the whole family to come down and enjoy and listen to a variety of singers, bring a picnic or have something tasty from our barbecue, whilst enjoying a beer or Pimms from the refreshment tent."

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FUTURE prospects: Students open their results

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A level results released

STUDENTS across Southend celebrated top A level results.

Overall, South Essex College achieved a 98 per cent A level pass rate which is in line with the national average.

A total of 15 courses achieved 100 per cent A level pass rates including biology, media studies and English literature and language.

Many of the students have achieved the grades they need to go on to further studies at university.

Ollie Wilson, from Southend

achieved three Bs and is going on to study computer science at the University of Kent.

The 18 year old said: "I'm really happy, my hard work has paid off and I couldn't have asked for more."

John Staines, from Rayleigh, enjoyed the college in Luker Road so much he is pursuing a higher education course in performance at the campus.

The 18 year old said: "The course is great value for money plus I've already built relationships with the

teachers so they know how I work."

Amy Juni, who arrived in the UK from Japan two years ago achieved an A* in sociology, an A in law and an A in psychology.

The 18 year old moved from Nagoya, Japan, with her sister and now lives in Basildon.

Having both moved here to gain education in the UK, Amy believes there are a wider variety of courses on offer in this country.

She said: "I wouldn't have had the opportunity to study law, psychology

and sociology in Japan and these subjects really interest me.

"The teachers here have been really supportive, they were so straight forward about what we needed to learn and would be on hand through email to check my essays at any time of day.

"I miss my parents and go back to visit them every summer but I've made some great friends here.

"It's been a brilliant experience."

Amy now plans to take a gap year working in London, before going to university to study law.

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Coleman Street Carnival planned

RESIDENTS from the Queensway Estate are organising the Coleman Street Carnival.

The event is free for all to attend and will include a number of fun activities such as a bouncy castle, face painting and fairground stalls.

There will even be a free BBQ with cakes and drinks on offer as well.

The event will be held in and around the Storehouse, in Coleman Street, at the foot of the Queensway tower blocks on Friday, August 22, from 11am to 3pm.

NHS meeting about GPs

PEOPLE having trouble getting a GP appointment are being invited to the Tickfield Centre, on Tuesday, August 26, to talk about their GP's.

GP practices are under increasing pressure with high demand for appointments, diminishing budgets and a lack of young doctors.

The access GP event will include speakers from NHS England and NHS Southend CCG.

To attend the event and have your say call Healthwatch Southend on 01702 220104.

Charity parachute jumpers wanted

SOUTHEND and Chelmsford Mind are looking for people to take part in a tandem parachute jump.

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V are the champions

by Liz Wade

PAOLO Nutini, Ed Sheeran and Bastille were just some of the acts that stole the show at this year's Virgin Media's V Festival.

They were all on top of headliners, Justin Timberlake and The Killers, who helped pull in crowds of more than 270,000 across the festival's two sites in Chelmsford and Staffordshire.

Bastille's front man, Dan Smith, took the crowd and even the security by surprise by leaving the stage to join and sing among their fans. While the security didn't seem happy, the crowd certainly enjoyed it. Bastille's set included 'Flaws' and 'Of the Night', and the eagerly awaited hit 'Pompeii'.

Manic Street Preachers fans were disappointed as they had to cancel their appearance on Saturday after getting stuck on a runway in Hungary for five hours. They were due to be at the

Chelmsford site after an appearance at the Sziget Festival in Budapest.

Deborah Harry, looking fantastic in red, opened her set with 'One Way or Another', quickly followed by 'Hanging on the Telephone', and Tinie Tempah delighted with the likes of 'Drinking from the Bottle', 'Rollercoaster' and 'Miami 2 Ibiza' – changing the lyrics to "from Essex to Ibiza".

Jason Derulo wowed the audience with 45 minutes of hit after hit, as well as some amazing choreography. The crowd erupted for the likes of 'In My Head', 'Ridin' Solo', 'It Girl', 'Marry Me', 'Talk Dirty' and 'Wiggle', with Jason saying "This crowd is crazy, this crowd is one of the craziest we've ever had".

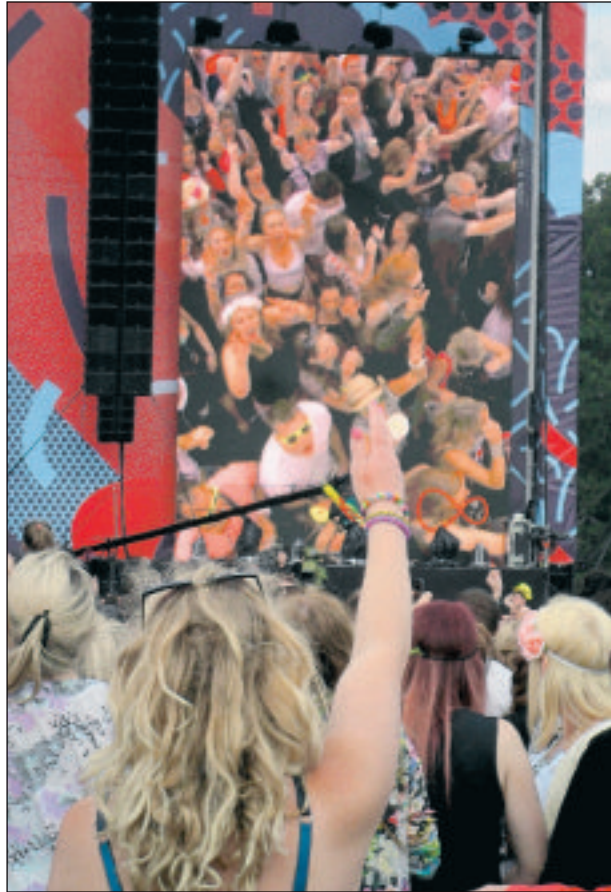
Justin Timberlake gave a masterclass in showmanship during his 90 minute set, opening with 'Like I Love You'. Other hits include 'Like I Love You', 'Senorita', 'Cry Me A River', 'Summer Love', 'Love Stoned', 'What Goes

Around Comes Around', 'Suit & Tie', 'TKO', 'Mirrors' and more.

Joint headliners The Killers proved why they're a modern tour-de-force of festival rock, launching into 'Mr Brightside', before charging through 'Smile Like You Mean It', 'Human', 'Somebody Told Me', 'All These Things That I've Done' and 'When You Were Young'.

V Festival organisers said: "It's been an incredible weekend with performances from over 100 acts and more than 30 number one selling artists. The lineup for 2015 is already being worked on and is shaping up to be hugely exciting. We are putting tickets on sale now for a limited time and we look forward to welcoming V Festival fans back in 2015, when we celebrate our 20th anniversary!"

A limited amount of Early Bird tickets for V Festival 2015 went on sale at this year's prices at 9am on Wednesday, August 20, for a limited period. Visit www.vfestival.co.uk for further information.



CROWDS: thousands enjoyed the weekend

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MISSED: Paul Peterson

MORE than 300 people celebrated the life of *Yellow Advertiser* reporter Paul Peterson on Wednesday.

Paul, who worked at the YA for 12 and a half years, despite suffering from Muscular Dystrophy, passed away on Wednesday, July 30, aged 34.

There was standing room only at his funeral, which took place at Pitsea Crematorium, where an estimated 300 friends, colleagues and members of his family attended to pay their respects.

Paul penned his wishes before he passed away and wanted the occasion to be a true celebration of his life.

Guests were asked to wear colourful attire, rather than the

traditional black and the songs he chose were of a more upbeat nature reflecting Paul's love of life. His music choices including Chesney Hawkes' 'I Am The One And Only' to accompany a slide show of pictures from his life, and Kool And The Gang's 'Celebrations' during which the congregation clapped throughout and erupted into applause at the end.

In speeches, friends and family members reflected on Paul's positive outlook on life and how he touched and influenced so many people across the years.

Paul's parents, Anne and Trevor, and brother, Lee, said they were humbled by how many people attended the ser-

vice to pay their respects.

They said: "It was extremely heart-warming to see so many people come along on what was a very sad day to celebrate the life of a truly amazing person."

"People came from all aspects of his life which showed just how popular he was and how much he will be missed by all."

Paul asked for people to support the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, rather than spending money on flowers. If you wish to make a donation to Muscular Dystrophy in Paul's memory please visit <http://paulpeterson.muchloved.com/>. So far over £1,300 has been raised.

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COMPULSORY PURCHASE: Ian Gilbert who wants a compulsory purchase order for Heath House and Carby House in Victoria Avenue, Southend

Regeneration planned

A SERIES of special council meetings have been called for councillors to consider using compulsory purchase powers to acquire Heath House and Carby House in Victoria Avenue.

Cabinet, policy and resources scrutiny committee and full council will all take place from 5pm on Tuesday, September 2, from 5pm in the cabinet room at the civic offices.

Deputy leader of the council, Ian Gilbert said the regeneration of Victoria Avenue is an urgent priority of the authority.

He said: "This is a key gateway into the town and the redevelopment of these two buildings is absolutely vital.

"Whilst we will continue to try and negotiate with the landowners ahead of these meetings and any decisions, we have got to the stage where we must take firm action on what is an eyesore for the town.

"Therefore, these three meetings have been set up for councillors to consider the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire Heath House and

Carby House.

"Using CPO powers is long and complex and can take anything from eighteen months to two years and beyond to go through the legal process, so it is important that we get the ball rolling at the earliest opportunity.

"Having control of this land would provide a wonderful opportunity for the council and local community for the major transformation of this area.

"Action is well overdue and I am pleased that we are getting on with things."

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One man dead in grim docks discovery

A MURDER investigation has been launched after a man was found dead in a shipping container at Tilbury Docks.

The dead man, believed to be 40-year-old Meet Singh Kapoor, was one of 35 Afghanistan natives discovered in the container after it arrived from Zeebrugge, Belgium, on Saturday, August 16.

They included nine men and eight women, aged between 18 – 72, and 13 children, aged between 1 – 12.

Police commissioner Nick Alston (Con) said they were thought to be victims of human trafficking gangs.

The container is being treated as a crime scene and has undergone forensic tests.

A post-mortem examination was conducted on the dead man on Sunday but police said further tests were needed to determine his cause of death.

Essex Police refused to name the company which owned the container – one of 50 which arrived on a P&O ferry. The container was carrying cleaning chemicals.

Police searched the remaining 50 containers but did not find anymore people.

The surviving stowaways were taken to Basildon, Southend and Royal London hospitals.

Basildon Hospital confirmed it treated 18 of them, including seven young children, for dehydration.

Southend Hospital received five adults and two children. A hospital spokesman said two patients remained at Southend Hospital until Monday morning. The hospital refused to say whether they were adults or children or why they had been kept in.

All of the passengers have been released and questioned. They are now in the care of Home Office officials.

The authorities are liaising with Belgian police and Interpol.

Superintendent Trevor Roe said: "The welfare and health of the people is our priority at this stage. Now they are



Shipping containers at Tilbury Docks

well enough, our officers and colleagues from the Border Force will be speaking to them via interpreters so we can piece together what happened and how they came to be in the container.

"We have had a good deal of help from partners within the Sikh community in the Tilbury area to ensure that these poor people, who would have been through a horrific ordeal, are supported

in terms of their religious and clothing needs. The Red Cross are also helping. They have provided food and welfare help for the people overnight. We are grateful for their support and I would like to say a big thank you to them."

Nick Alston said: "This incident should highlight for us the evil of the abuse and exploitation of vulnerable people of all sorts and in many different circumstances. The

police and partner agencies are continuing to investigate the circumstances of those found in that container. But we can be sure that almost all cases of human trafficking involve exploitation by callous, organised criminal gangs."

*A casualty bureau was set up for anybody concerned about a friend or relative. The number, from outside the UK, is 0044 207 158 0010.

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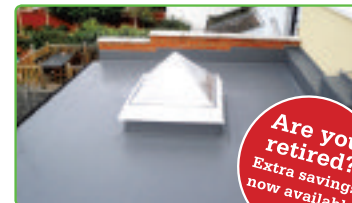
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FIRE crews had to evacuate 30 people from a block of burning flats in the early hours of Monday morning.

They were called to the block of 15 flats in London Road, Southend, where the fire appears to have been started deliberately on the gas main supplying a Tesco Extra store.

When crews arrived at 4.15am they found a number of traffic cones and a propane cylinder had been set alight in the mains supply.

Firefighters put the blaze out and used a water curtain to contain the leaking gas and stayed on site until 6.03am while engineers isolated the supply.

A total of 30 people were evacuated and a hazard zone was established around the gas main.

Assistant divisional officer, Martyn Hodder said: "The fire was directly under the stairs

which are the only means of escape for a block of 15 flats and could have had deadly consequences had our crews not got on top of it as quickly as they did.

"The burning traffic cones created a huge amount of thick black smoke and the propane cylinder could have exploded at any moment causing a great deal of damage."

The fire followed another evacuation of Socata House, in Westcliff, at 10.48pm on Sunday, August 17.

A total of 16 flats had to be evacuated when someone had damaged gas mains were set alight in a car port under the flats.

Crews used two hose reels to put the blaze out by 11.38pm.

An ambulance was called for a 70 year

old man who lived in the flats and was suffering from shock.

* Sam Brown, 26, of no fixed abode, has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life following two fires in Westcliff on Sunday, August 17, and Monday, August 18.

He was due to appear in Southend Magistrates Court on Tuesday, August 19.



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Killer jailed for 22 years

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Meecham, a mechanic, from Rosewood Lane, Shoeburyness, was sentenced to 22 years in the same court on Friday, August 15.

The jury heard that police were called to Leanne's home in Park Street, Westcliff, on Thursday, February 13.

She was found with stab wounds and was taken to Royal London Hospital where she later died from her injuries.

Police who were called to the

scene found Meecham with knife injuries and was taken to hospital for treatment and later charged with murder.

Senior investigating officer DCI Mark Hall, from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate said Leanne had been much loved by her family and was a devoted mother.

Mr Hall said: "On the morning of February 13, Simon Meecham went to Leanne's home armed with a knife. He had discovered that she had started a new relationship and he

was consumed by jealousy.

"Shortly after he arrived he fatally wounded Leanne, stabbing her multiple times. She was totally defenceless against what was a determined, focused and wholly unprovoked attack.

"Simon Meecham then fled the house and later stabbed himself a number of times in an attempt to make it look like he was the victim.

"He later falsely claimed these injuries had been caused by Leanne and then later claimed he had

stabbed her accidentally.

"The jury in this case have seen through those lies and I am grateful to the witnesses who came forward to give evidence.

"My thoughts are with Leanne's family and I hope his conviction brings them some small comfort.

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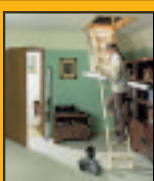
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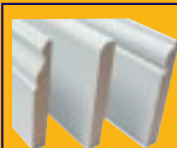


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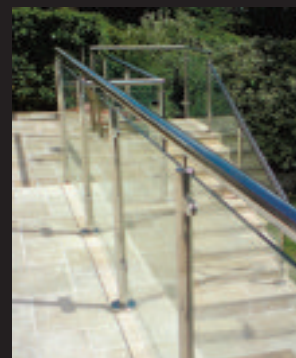


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Opinion and readers' letters

Crossing takes its toll on drivers

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A debt ticket is normally issued in such circumstances and of the 40,000 issued, 1,336 (3.3 per cent) never paid up compared with 639 (4.2 per cent) in 2010.

While the proportion has decreased in percentage terms, it is feared that the number of non-payers, particularly vehicles not registered in this country, will increase significantly when cashless 'freeflow' is introduced in October of this year.

Of course, the toll paid off the building costs of Crossing and Bridge in 2002 and should have been scrapped 12 years ago, however we now face a 'congestion charge' that will increase to £2.50 in October when 'freeflow' charging will be introduced.

There is something deeply ironic about having to pay a 'congestion charge' which actually causes the congestion, and then to label up a new toll collection system as 'freeflow' when it is not free but cost £2.50!

Cllr Clarence Barrett
Residents' Association

Poor street parking conditions

FOR many years Melville and Cowper Road residents have suffered from terrible parking conditions that has made street care very difficult and for many years the council refused to take action because they said any restrictions would just move the problem on.

Following pressure from local councillors and residents the Highways Committee finally agreed to hold an official review of parking through-out Rainham Village. 1000 questionnaires are now being delivered and it is important that they are returned to ensure that any scheme has the support of the vast majority of residents.

And a sensible balance between restrictions and permits that deter commuter parking without penalising the shops will improve its chances of being approved by the Highways Committee.

Cllr David Durant
Rainham and Wennington
Independent Residents Group

Join the Pink Car Rally

I AM writing to ask whether you would please publish this letter, to help me find more

pink cars to join the Pink Car Rally, which will be taking place on September 6 and 7, to help raise awareness of (and funds for) the Little Princess Trust Charity, which gives 'real hair' wigs to children who lose their own hair, primarily through chemotherapy.

Participants travel from all over the UK to join the rally. If you or any of your friends, colleagues or relatives own a pink car, you might like to participate.

The rally is strictly 'on road' and is more like a pink parade, which makes its way across the UK raising awareness of, and funds for, the Little Princess Trust charity, which gives 'real hair' wigs to children and young adults who lose their own hair, primarily through cancer treatments.

This year's rally will be 'orbiting the orbital', by completing a clockwise circuit of the M25, over the two days.

Starting in Langley, Slough, day one will see the pink procession join the M25, heading in a clockwise direction. A pink pit stop is planned around noon, at South Mimms Services, before they head off again continuing their motorway marathon until they arrive at Lakeside, where the pink cars will preen for the public and the drivers will collect coins for the charity.

Pink participants will be staying in the area overnight, before starting day two of the rally at Brands Hatch.

From Brands Hatch, the pink parade will continue around

the M25, and is planning a special 'secret stop' along the way, before continuing to Langley, Slough to complete the circuit.

More information regarding the secret stop will be posted on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pinkcar-rally) and Twitter (@saligray @pinkcarrally), closer to the date, so please follow us to keep updated.

If you would like to make a donation to the cause, we would be delighted. We have a Fundraising Team Page: www.justgiving.com/teams/pink-car-rally-2014 Simply scroll through the team members and click on one of their pages to make a donation.

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Families unaware of the charity, who buy a wig for their child privately, can pay between £1200 and £2000 for one. This is precisely why we also want to raise awareness of the charity throughout the UK and Ireland.

For further information regarding the Pink Car Rally, please see our website www.pink-car-rally.com If you would like to join the rally, please email pinkcarrally@me.com or telephone 01452 618899

Sali Gray
Pink Car Rally Organiser

Hello sailor

THANK you again local newspapers, like this one, for printing my letters about reuniting those who have served together in the Royal Navy.

I have received some lovely stories and am pleased to announce that over the years I have managed to reunite lots who have served together, much with the co-operation of the local newspaper. My letters are often cut out and sent to someone who has served, 'My niece saw your letter and sent it to me'.

One of the main points in letters to me, is the missing of the camaraderie of those who served in the Royal Navy and 'I wish I could relive some of it', well thanks to a little bit of effort and co-operation, this can be done in the form of an 'RN Shipmates Reunion' which will be held over the weekend of February 27 - March 2 in Bristol. This includes a couple of coach tours over the weekend and of course, a tot issue. The ladies are not forgotten so wives and partners are welcomed too. No association to join, no annual subscription, just come and

'swing the lamp' and find old shipmates and how about using the internet radio to start now? Send me a brief story of a shipmate you would like to be reunited with from your Royal Navy days and I will broadcast it on the internet all over the world on www.angelradioisloofwight.moonfruit.com This goes out locally on 91.5 fm and Wight Fibre network, but more importantly, on the World Wide Web each Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 8.00pm, appropriately called 'From the Crowe's Nest'.

The Royal Navy is going to be in the news a lot in the coming weeks with a new aircraft carrier and a new Royal Marine band being formed, 'The Fleet Band' to coincide with the aircraft carrier, so hurry and find your old shipmates.

Contact me for reunion details or the Internet Radio, Mike Crowe on mike.crowe1@btinternet.com or at 7 Heath Road, Lake, Sandown, Isle of Wight. PO36 8PG (A stamp will help the pension if writing to me for reunion details).

The next move towards finding your old shipmate is yours. Do it now!

Mike Crowe

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILDE SIDE

by LIZ WADE

MARTY Wilde, the original British rock and roll star, is celebrating his 75th birthday year doing what he does best – on stage during a UK wide tour.

He will join his friends, Eden Kane, John Leyton, Nancy Ann Lee and his band of more than 50 years, The Wildcats, during a 30 date tour across the UK, which kicks off in Tunbridge Wells on October 23 and includes an appearance at Southend's Cliffs Pavilion on Sunday, October 26.

"75 years old and still going strong", laughs Marty. "If anyone had told me back in '58 when I started out that I'd still be playing shows nearly sixty years later I would have laughed... with happiness!"

"I knew back then that music was all I wanted to do and I still know it now. This tour is going to be another fantastic rock and roll party, with my great friends Eden Kane and John Leyton, backed up with the finest backing band, The Wildcats."

Marty Wilde is not the type that likes to put his feet up. There aren't many people of three score years and fifteen who drive around the UK playing music to screaming fans up to a hundred times a year. Nor can there be many who in between shows will play 18 holes of golf to a respectable handicap.

Less likely still are there many seventy five year-olds who are regarded as key influences for musicians as diverse as Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin), Justin

Hayward (The Moody Blues) and Cliff Richard.

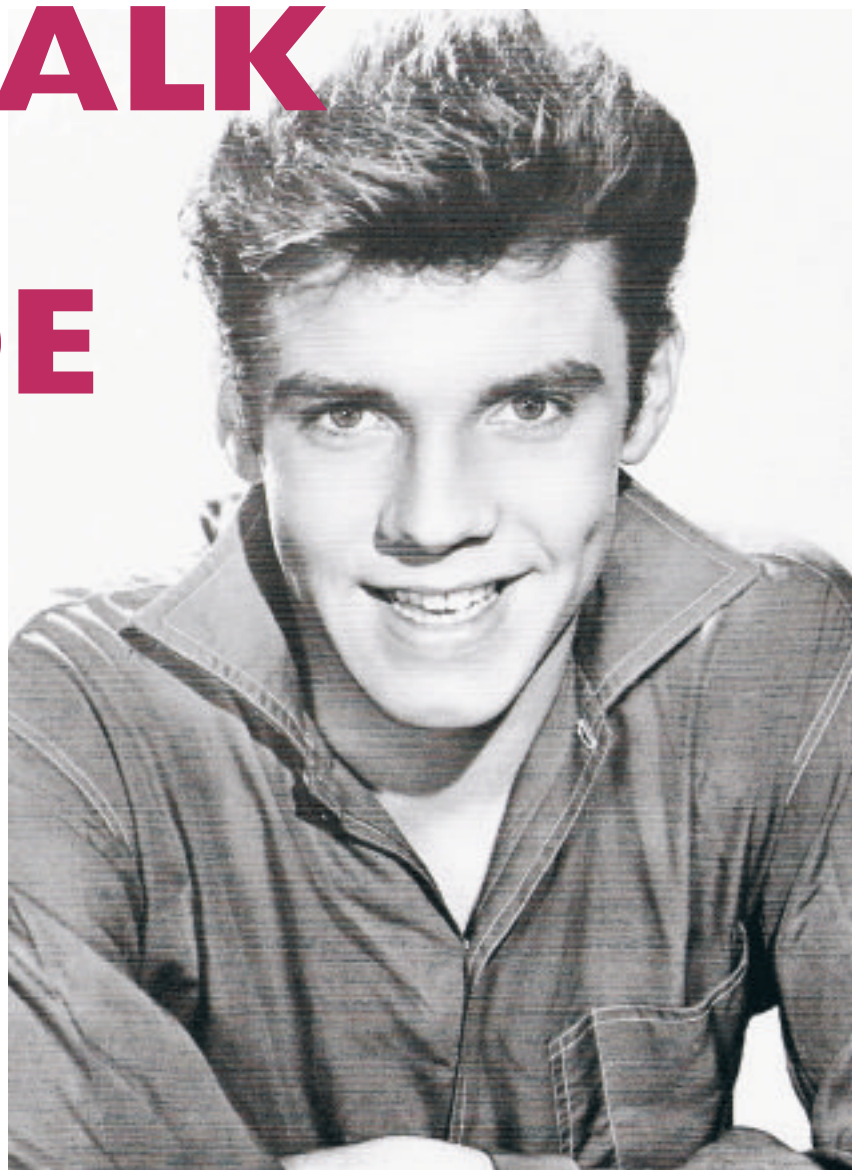
At 75 years old, Marty Wilde is one of the UK's pioneering Rock 'n' Roll icons. As an original British rock singer in the late 50s (along with Tommy Steele and Cliff Richard) Marty had a string of hits including Teenager In Love, Sea Of Love, Endless Sleep, Bad Boy, Donna and Rubber Ball. In the late '60s and early '70s, Marty enjoyed further success as a songwriter penning hits for Lulu (I'm A Tiger), The Casuals (Jesamine) and the mighty Status Quo (Ice In The Sun).

The '80s saw Wilde continue writing, this time for his daughter Kim Wilde, who enjoyed a string of hits with anthems such as Kids In America.

Joining Marty for this must-see show are John Leyton, Nancy Ann Lee and Eden Kane. Eden first created interest for his talent with an advertising jingle for Cadbury's, called 'Hot Chocolate Crazy', issued as a single by Pye Records. This was quickly followed in 1961 by his number one hit 'Well I Ask You' and success continued with three further Top 10 hits during the next 12 months including 'Get Lost', 'Forget Me Not' and 'I Don't Know Why'.

Kane's next release 'Boys Cry' was a Top 10 comeback hit in the UK and Australia, and in the mid 1970s, along with his two brothers Peter and Robin Sarstedt, Eden won a joint BASCA Award for composing and songwriting.

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Scarlett Johansson as Lucy
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Study in Scarlett

LUCY (15, 89 mins)

DERRIERE-numbingly long films may be all the rage but at a lean 89 minutes, Lucy, the new action thriller from Luc Besson, is all the better for bucking this Hollywood trend.

And with a kidnapping, killing spree and questionable drugs thrown into the fray, there's certainly enough in that hour and a half to halt you from slipping out of the cinema.

Lucy (Scarlett Johansson) is a carefree student living in Taiwan, who is tricked by her new boyfriend Richard into doing his dirty work and carrying a briefcase, jam-packed with potent new drugs, into a hotel for him.

But there's no time for pleasantries here and before the concierge has greeted Lucy, Richard has been dispatched and Lucy is held hostage by the neighbourhood's merciless mob of local drug lords headed up by the

unsparing Mr Jang (Choi Min-sik).

Waking up, Lucy discovers that the mob has taken the liberty of surgically implanting thousand of pounds worth of a deadly blue drug, CPH4, which increases the user's brain capacity, into her stomach.

And more than that, if the bright blue crystals leak, it will kill her.

But leak it does and Lucy, who is sent across the world as a drug mule, soon finds her brain working on disturbing new levels, signposted in the film with frequent updates on the percentage of brain capacity she's using.

As well as being hell-bent on exacting revenge on the mobsters, Lucy also busies herself by tracking down the eminent professor Samuel Norman (Morgan Freeman) in Paris who has spent decades researching the brain's potential.

In a deft twist to Johansson's role as a human-like operating system in Spike Jonze's Her, Lucy sees the actress' voice take on a lifeless

tone, shedding personality and lightness as her brain's potential expands.

Much has been made of the film's neurological theory not stacking up, but scientific soundness isn't the mission here - entertainment is.

And while there are some rather odd moments - the flashes to a pre-historic Lucy, the strained conversation Lucy has with her mum and the missed opportunity to kill Mr Jang while she can - Lucy is nevertheless a punchy film, which demands your attention every minute of the way.

Released: August 22

FILM FACTS

Action/Sci-Fi/Thriller. Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman, Choi Min-sik, Pilou Asbaek, Amr Waked, Julian Rhind-Tutt.
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Stage

Marty Wilde and friends come to Southend

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Like Marty, Eden has never stopped singing and is now celebrating his 53rd year in show business. In recent years he has been touring American with his band, the 'International Express Orchestra', a 10 piece band that does gigs and private parties. In addition to this Eden has worked on the TV show Star Trek for the past 18 years both in front of and behind the camera.

As a singer, John Leyton is best known for his 1961 number one UK hit 'Johnny Remember Me', produced by the infamous Joe Meek. John, who was voted Newcomer of the Year and won Best Song of the Year at The National Annual Awards and saw his follow up single 'Wild Wind' rocket to the top of the charts, said: "I'm amazed and delighted that over fifty years on, my

songs have survived, but even more amazed and delighted that I have too!

"Like Marty, if someone had told me back then that I'd still be playing shows in 2014 I'd never have believed them. It's great to be here.."

As well as being a global pop star, John enjoyed a successful film and television career as an actor. Some of his biggest films include 'The Great Escape' alongside Steve McQueen and Charles Bronson in which John played the role of 'Willie The Tunnel King'. Other starring roles include 'Guns At Batasi' with Richard Attenborough and Mia Farrow, 'Von Ryan's Express' with Frank Sinatra, Cinerama's 'Krakatoa, East Of Java', a running lead role in MGM TV series 'Jericho' and more recently a cameo appear-

ance in the hit film 'Telstar', a biopic on Joe Meek, the legendary record producer who helped John to become the well known star that he is today.

Multi award-winning vocalist from Yorkshire, Nancy Ann Lee guests on the tour as 'Little Miss Sixties', playing a string of hits from a variety of classic artists from the 1960's. Nancy Ann Lee's repertoire has included Petula Clark, Dusty Springfield, Carole King, Connie Francis, Sandie Shaw, Lulu, Martha Reeves & The Vandella and many more. The "Little Miss Sixties" show has received rave reviews for being one of the liveliest tributes to the sixties divas around.

*For further information and tickets call the Cliffs Pavilion Box Office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



Mammoths: Ice Age Giants

IF YOU want to catch a glimpse of the most complete woolly mammoth ever found then get your skates on as it will only be in London for the next couple of weeks.

Baby Lyuba, discovered in Siberia in 2007, arrived at the Natural History Museum back in May for a special Mammoths: Ice Age Giants exhibition, and she has been attracting a large amount of visitors ever since.

She arrived at the museum after a long journey from northern Russia, and the exhibition at the London museum is the first time Lyuba – the Russian word for love, pronounced 'Looba' – has been seen in western Europe.

Lyuba, who is 85cm tall and 130cm long and around the size of a large dog, was found buried in frozen mud by reindeer herder, Yuri Khudi and his sons, who were searching for wood. The baby mammoth, who is thought to have died 42,000 years ago at the age of just one month, possibly fell into a sticky mud hole and choked to

death as a CT scan has revealed sediment in her trunk. Milk and pollen were also discovered in the stomach of Lyuba, who was so well preserved because she was buried in wet clay and mud before being frozen.

Mammoths: Ice Age Giants takes you on a journey through an ancient time when mammoths roamed the earth, find out more about them and even imagine life as a mammoth by testing your skills at tusk jousting and trunk swinging, and feel the weight of how much food these beasts would have consumed every day – the equivalent of 230 bags of sugar.

As well as the famous woolly mammoth, you can also explore some of the other best-known species of its time including the spiral-tusked Columbian mammoth, the island-dwelling dwarf mammoth, another prehistoric giant – the mastodon – and the



LYUBA: on display © The Trustees of the Natural History Museum, London. Lyuba is owned by the Yamal-Netets Regional Museum-Exhibition, the complex is named after I.S. Shemanovsky

fearsome sabre-tooth cat.

You only have until September 7, 2014, to catch a glimpse of Lyuba – on loan from the Shemanovsky Museum in the Arctic Circle – so

make sure you put a date in your diary to see her, the rest of the exhibition and all that the Natural History Museum has to offer.

*For further information about the

Natural History Museum, London, and its Mammoths: Ice Age Giants exhibition, which runs until September 7, 2014, visit www.nhm.ac.uk

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Saturday, August 23

- Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse, 2-4pm, refreshments available.
- Lunch, Strawberry Tea, Late Summer Fayre, Hand Crafted Goods, Home Made Cakes and lots more! The Salvation Army, Corringham Road, Stanford Le Hope, SS17 0BX. 12.30PM.
- Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High St. £2 pp, info: 01268 775328.
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- Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club, St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
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- Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, August 24

- Rayleigh Garden Trail in aid of Friends of Holy Trinity Rayleigh, 2-6PM AND 6-9PM, 01268 742252.

- Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse 11am-4pm, refreshments available. Songs of praise 4pm. Walk up to Hadleigh Castle, with The Walking Partnership, meet at 10am, CP on Two Tree Island. Slightly hilly, great views. 4.5 miles. Bill 01702 526079.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides, situated by Waterside Sport Centre, Somnes Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. Running every Sunday until October 12, 2014. Open from 10.30am-4pm, choice of two railways, steam and electric locos. Adults and children £1 each ride, all welcome, weather permitting.
- The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkeville Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkeville.
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- Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, August 25

- Rayleigh Garden Trail in aid of Friends of Holy Trinity Rayleigh, 10AM-5PM, 01268 742252.
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- Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
- Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
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- Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
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- Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, further details 01702 715509.
- Scabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, Mondays 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

what's on

Tuesday, August 26

■ Rayleigh Horticultural Society's Club Night, at St Michael's Church Hall, Sir Walter's Drive, Rayleigh. An evening with Davis Padwick, entitled songs and shows, 8-10pm, £1.50 admission for members, £2.50 non-members, inc refreshments.

■ Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Singles Friendship club for 55' and over. Are you single and over 55? Then don't be alone come along to our friendship club and you will be sure of a friendly welcome. Every Tuesday at aThe South Benfleet Social Club with a variety of events. Maureen 01268 692998.

■ Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.

■ Social Dance, 1.45pm at St Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, Sequence, Latin. Friendly Group, all welcome 01702 618771.

■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 'Steve Tilston', 8pm, 01702 715111.

■ Tea Dance, Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm, 01702 584575.

■ Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+, Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.

■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.

■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

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■ Evening of Clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, Yoga: 10-11am, Sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: 12-1pm, Line Dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, Chess: 1.30-3.30pm, Craft: 1.30-3.30, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Social Group, meets The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50plus, every Tuesday 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus, South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, facing the gardens (if wet in church foyer), every Tuesday 10am-noon.

■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrison's car park, every Tuesday 1.45-3.45pm, (and every Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, non competitive, £2 per session including tea, joining fee £5, first session free.

■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, every Tuesday 1.30-4pm, further details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 341250.

■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, further details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, every Tuesday 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, every Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to 5 years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, August 27

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■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh, meet every Wednesday, 1.30-3pm, interesting speakers, social afternoons, some outings and a Christmas meals out, are a few of the things they do. New members welcome, at Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ Art Class, Beginner's Welcome, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-12pm, paulalcock43@yahoo.co.uk, 01702 615475.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65's. Meet every Wednesday at Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. Check out our website www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.

■ Activity session for children with special needs, ages 5-18, (term time only). The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation £1 per session, siblings welcome.

■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroom & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50's. Keep fit: 10-11am, Sit down keep fit: 10-11am, Salsa/Ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, Sequence Dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, Indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Hayway for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.

■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantle Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.

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■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honore 01268 574390 for further details.

■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.

■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), large free car park, every Wednesday 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, includes refreshments, strictly over 18's. 01268 752473.

■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, every Wednesday, details 01702 318121.

■ Meeting, Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictions, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

■ Over 50's session. Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged 5-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.

■ Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

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The Maharaja is one of the UK's top Indian restaurants

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More than 1,500 restaurateurs witnessed its second triumph last year, during a ceremony at London's Battersea Evolution.

A record 40,000 public nominations were received for the awards, covering more than 2,700 restaurants.

The Maharaja was voted best in the South East and became one of the top 10 restaurants in the UK, in the final heats of the 'Oscars' of the UK curry restaurant industry.

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The Maharaja is an Indian restaurant full of heritage, which offers unique and exotic Royal Indian cuisine in a traditional setting fit for a Maharaja.

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Sunday to Thursday – buy one starter and main course, or main course and dessert, and received another absolutely free.

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IT may only be six months since Spice Lounge opened its doors on Canvey Island, but it has already made an impact of local diners.

The restaurant, situated on Canvey seafront, first welcomed diners in January and since then everyone from couples and families to large parties celebrating special occasions have been taking their seats.

This is due to its outstanding a la carte menu of contemporary cuisine, its welcoming and helpful staff and its beautiful décor.

Spice Lounge is justly proud of the specially selected Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine on its menu including a vast range of starters such as duck or green chicken tikka, and tandoori lamb chops or king prawns. Its selection of main courses is packed with a variety of traditional dishes such as Masala, Korai, Jalfrezi, Balti, Korma, Curry, Bhuna, Dupiaza, Rogon Josh, Sag, Dansak, Pathia, Madras, Vindaloo and Biryani delights.

What's more, there are a range of Chefs Specialities including Dum Gost, Chicken Irangani, Gosht Kata Masala, Duck Jalsha, and Duck Shuganda, and Seafood Specialities such as Chingri Sag Paneer, Bengal King Prawn, Crab Bhuna and Salmon Kurma.

If you are looking to try a range of dishes, or feed the family for outstanding value-for-money, then try its Sunday Buffet. The buffet, served every Sunday from noon to 10pm, costs just £9.95 for adults and £6.95 for children, while the under fives eat for free. With its wide range of dishes, such as Chicken Tikka and Vegetable



Samosa for starters, Chicken Pasanda, North Indian Garlic Chill Chicken and Lamb Korai for mains, and sides such as Bombay Aloo and Sag Paneer, as well as rice, bread, salad and chutneys, so you have a feast for the whole family. As well as offering wide choice, with buffet dishes changing regularly, it also offers fantastic value thanks to its 'buy two get one free' deal for Yellow Advertiser readers.

The restaurant welcomes bookings as well as walk-in diners, and can cater for a range of special occasions from birthdays and anniversaries to Christmas celebrations.

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Spice Lounge is open every day, including Bank Holidays, from noon to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and all day from noon to midnight on Sundays.

For further information about Spice Lounge, at 2 Casino Parade, Eastern Esplanade, call 01268 699992 or 01268 699555, visit their website as www.spiceloungecanvey.com or find them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/spiceloungecanvey.

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Major refit for Country Inn

DINERS at The Lodge Country Inn are enjoying new menus alongside a fresh new environment thanks to a major refurbishment.

The friendly, family-run business situated in the heart of Essex has been given a new look including new decor, carpets, tables and chairs, following extensive work in November.

With a large marquee, a glass house restaurant serving a tasteful a la carte menu, an affordable bar menu packed with more than 100 different meals, comfortable hotel rooms and a traditional bar area, the venue really does have a little something for everyone.

Its fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks menu, comprising of a wide array of wines served by the glass, real ales, bottled and draught beers, while its large 120-seater restaurant boasts an appetising range of dishes to suit all tastes and requirements including a two-course special for £10.95 and three-courses for £12.95.

The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in its stylish conservatory offering you a spacious comfortable environment to try their five star food and enjoy a wide selection of wine served by the glass. The conservatory can be booked for special occasions and set menus can be arranged to suit a range of budgets.

The venue also boasts a large garden with an extensive seating area,



bouncy castles and a children's play area. If you want to keep the children amused while going out and visiting family and friends for an enjoyable meal or drink this spring and summer, then look no further than The Lodge.

Its stylish marquee, situated within idyllic country surroundings, is the perfect place for a range of special occasion for 60-200 guests, complete with a late licence until midnight. What's more, as it can now hold civil ceremonies, it is the perfect place for your big day so why not call for further information.

A delicious buffet can be supplied, as well as The Lodge's very own DJ, friendly waitresses and bar staff, and experienced wedding

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There is a packed programme of tribute nights, family fun days and other events at The Lodge this year so keep an eye out on its website so you don't miss out on all the fun.

Up-and-coming events include Family Fun Days on Sunday and Monday, August 24 and 25, when children can enjoy face painting from 1pm and visits throughout both days from Mickey and Minnie Mouse. On Sunday there will also be entertainment from Larry and the Streamers on the patio from 3-6pm, kids karaoke from 7-8.30pm, and adult karaoke from 8.30pm,

while on Monday there will be a Hog Roast from 1pm and musical entertainment from Freefall on the patio from 3-6pm.

Psychic to the stars, Ronnie Buckingham, will be hosting a Psychic Night at The Lodge on Wednesday, September 24, for just £19.95 per person, including a bar meal, for which booking is essential so call now to avoid disappointment.

Tribute Nights include a Blues Brothers tribute on October 2, a multi-tribute comedy act with Nick Slade on November 6 and Tom-tastic, the ultimate Tom Jones tribute, on December 4.

This is all on top of great weekly family entertainment, from Karaoke nights on Sunday and Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, to music quiz nights every other Wednesday with the next taking place on September 3.

There's also live Friday bands with free admission and up-and-coming appearances include Chinawhite on August 29, Headfirst on September 12 and Total 80s on September 26.

What's more, The Lodge's Christmas menus are now available as well as new loyalty cards offering discounts and special offers.

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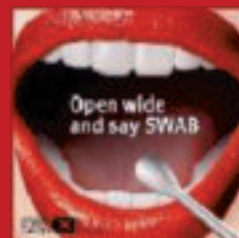
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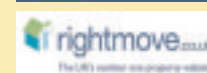
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Southend on Sea £189,950

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Sandringham Road, Southchurch £250,950

Character three bedroom end of terrace house. Two reception rooms. Modern fitted kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. with white suite. Gas central heating (not tested). Part sealed unit double glazing. 80' west backing garden. Potential vehicular access/off-road parking subject to planning. Popular location. Close to all amenities. **EPC: G**



Marine Apartment £300,000

Two double bedroom top floor apartment with spectacular Estuary views. Covered balcony. Period property. Beautiful communal gardens. Modernisation required. Share of freehold. Many original features. Easy access to seaford and mainline train stations with links to London. Overlooking Cliff Gardens. **EPC: E**



Waters Edge, Westcliff O.I.R.O £265,000

Two bedroom ground floor purpose built apartment. Lounge 17' x 9' with estuary views. Private sun terrace. Kitchen 13' x 10'. French style doors to rear with access to gardens. Double glazed. Warm air heating. Garage to rear. Easy access to seaford, Cliffs Pavilion and mainline station. **EPC: D**



Marine Apartment Just Reduced £172,995

Two bedroom split level duplex seaford apartment benefiting from excellent estuary views. Own entrance door. Sealed unit double glazing. Spacious lounge with doors onto balcony. Fitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Bathroom with modern white suite. Gas fired heating via radiators. Early internal viewing advised. **EPC: C**



Westcliff-on-Sea £195,000

Three bedroom terraced house. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Double glazing. Gas central heating. Gardens to front and rear. Good decorative order. Excellent buy to let investment. **EPC: D**



Southend-on-Sea £110,000

Attractive one bedroom ground floor flat situated in a popular location. Lounge with bay window. Kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Double glazing. Gas fired central heating. 45' rear garden. Garage. Easily accessible to all local amenities. Ideal first purchase. No onward chain. **EPC: D**



Southend on Sea £92,750

One bedroom second floor apartment. Lounge 16' x 11'. Kitchen 11' x 8'. Bedroom 11' x 10'. Bathroom 11' x 6'. Double glazed. Good decorative order throughout. Close proximity to town centre and train station. Ideal first purchase. **EPC: E**



Southend on Sea £134,995

Spacious split-level one bedroom ground floor flat close to Southend town centre. Lounge 15' x 13'10 maximum. Wet room. Kitchen 11' x 10'3. Part double glazing. Gas central heating. 45' west facing garden. Parking space. Cellar. No onward chain. Ideal investment or first purchase. **EPC: D**

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TOLHURST HOUSE - £450 pcm

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PARK ROAD - £625 pcm

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GALLERIES COURT - £695 pcm

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WARRIOR SQUARE - £650 pcm

TWO double bedroom ground floor flat located opposite Warrior Square gardens close to the Town Centre and railway stations. Lounge. Fitted Kitchen. Courtyard Garden. Residents permit parking available. Available end October. Unfurnished. No Pets. **SS1 2JN: EPC C**. Admin fee £110.00 per adult



KILWORTH AVENUE - £695 pcm

Ground floor flat close to Town Centre and both mainline railway stations. Lounge. Fitted Kitchen / Breakfast room with built-in oven & hob. One double. One single bedroom. Central Heating. Double Glazed. Carpets. Private Garden. Available end September. Unfurnished. No Pets. **EPC D**. Admin fee £110.00 per adult



THE PAVILIONS - £650 pcm

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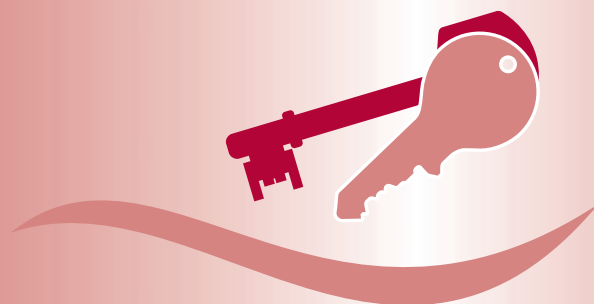
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Rochford £375,000

This four bedroom detached family home is situated close to Rochford town centre so is within walking distance to the mainline station to Liverpool Street. The property has been extended to the rear and has three lovely reception rooms, one with bi fold doors leading onto and overlooking the garden. There is a well fitted kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, family bathroom and an en suite to the master bedroom. The property is offered with no onward chain.



Rochford £289,995

A spacious well maintained two bedroom detached bungalow situated on an established south facing plot, benefiting from an approximately 90ft rear, three reception rooms, fitted kitchen, modern bathroom, ample off road parking and detached garage, viewing essential.



South Fambridge £193,995

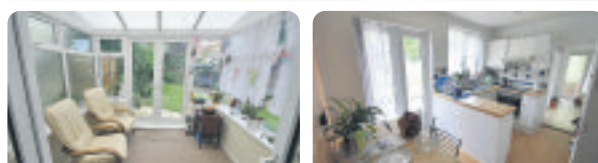
Located in a popular village setting is this three bedroom end terrace cottage. In need of some updating further benefits include two reception rooms, partial double glazing and ground floor bathroom. The property would make an ideal first or investment purchase.



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£194,995

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Rochford £244,995

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Southend On Sea £265,000

3 bed semi detached. No expense has been spared in restoring this property to its former glory. Accommodation includes Lounge, Dining/ Kitchen, 4 piece bathroom, Ground floor cloakroom, NEW roof with loft insulation, central heating, double glazing, re wire and timber treatment.



Rochford

£102,500

This One bed purpose built, first floor flat with off street parking. Maintained to a good standard. The property is located close to Rochford town square and railway station. An ideal purchase for a first time buyer or buy to let investment. No onward chain.



Rochford £239,995

3 bed house located in a convenient position with easy access of Rochford mainline station and Rochford square. The property does require updating but benefits from two reception rooms, double glazing, off road parking and a rear garden measuring approximately 85ft.



Rochford

£189,995

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Westcliff-on-Sea

£189,950

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South of the London Road

£169,995

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Reduced

South of the London Road

£1,500 pcm

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To Let

Leigh-on-Sea

£1,100 pcm

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To Let

Leigh-on-Sea

£750 pcm

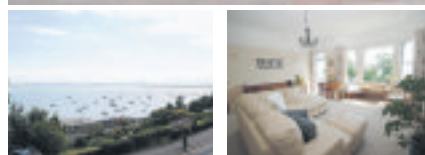
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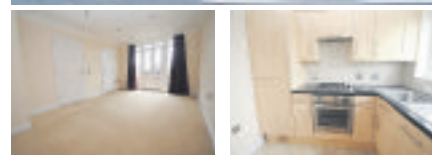


Grand Parade £475,000

We are delighted to offer this two double bedroom first floor flat in Leigh on Sea. Set within a beautiful detached period building, the flat affords fabulous views of the Estuary from the lounge, balcony and master bedroom. The flat also comes with a garage to the rear of the property. There would be opportunity for the new owners to extend into the loft and create a spacious, modern and spectacular apartment.



End of Chain



South of Leigh Road £215,000

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Lapwater Court, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea £800.00 PCM
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FOR SALE



Pine Road, Hadleigh £265,000
KING JOHN CATCHMENT

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Q. I am about to rent a property for the first time. What responsibilities do I have as a tenant?

A. Renting is enjoying a revival at the moment - although whether this is as a result of economic necessity or conscious lifestyle choice, is the subject of a good deal of lively debate. As far as the latter is concerned, renting a home that is owned by someone else obviously offers a degree of freedom. Nevertheless, it also certainly comes with a number of responsibilities.

While some of these responsibilities are pretty much universal - such as taking good care of the property, paying the agreed rent on time, and not sub-letting without the landlord's permission - others will vary from property to property. So, the best way to be absolutely clear about such matters is to have your solicitor go through the tenancy agreement and spell them all out for you.

That said, the professional body for the lettings industry, the Association of Residential Letting Agents also offers a number of general tips:

- While landlords are normally responsible for insuring the building and any furnishings that come with it, tenants need to insure their own possessions.
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- Sharing emergency numbers with neighbours is a good precaution, particularly in the case of flats, where a problem in one can quickly affect others in the same block.
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Connells 'Help to Buy Fortnight' starts 16 August All local Connells estate agency offices in the Central Region are holding a dedicated 'Help to Buy Fortnight' from 16 August to 30 August designed to help and advise buyers looking to use the scheme.

Following the success of its 'Help to Buy Fortnight' last year, Connells is keen to inform buyers and sellers of the options still available to home buyers at its upcoming event, especially with the broad range of schemes and opportunities currently available to people looking to step on or up the property ladder.

Help to Buy now offers two schemes. Firstly, the Equity Loan scheme allows buyers to purchase a new build property worth up to £600,000 with a five-year, interest-free Government loan for up to 20% of the value of the property. This means buyers may need only a 5% deposit to purchase a brand new home. The Mortgage Guarantee scheme however allows lenders the opportunity to offer between 80% and 95% mortgages with a 5% deposit, this option works the same as any other mortgage except that under the scheme the Government offers lenders the option to purchase a guarantee on mortgage loans.

"I would urge buyers to get in touch during our 'Help to Buy Fortnight' to discuss what options are available to them and how we can assist," says Regional New Homes Director Jessica Hardwick. "Help to Buy has been a great success for the housing market since its introduction and it is still a viable option for aspiring home owners. Statistics show many people still do not know about the schemes on offer and how they could help them.

"We must not also forget the Forces Help to Buy scheme which is available to serving military personnel," Jessica continues. "Over the next fortnight we are actively encouraging anybody who is contemplating moving home or buying for the first time to get in touch, so we can help them understand the options available to them."

If you are interested in purchasing a new or second hand property using Help to Buy, or would like to sell your home as part of Connells 'Help to Buy Fortnight', please contact the branch on: 01268 777767 or email: rayleigh@connells.co.uk

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Legally speaking this is not true. There is no law that says PAT checks must be carried out, something the government recently clarified.

What the law does state is that all electrical equipment within a rental property must be safe to use and that it's the landlord's responsibility to ensure this before tenants move in and, equally, during the tenancy too. Most experts, including those from the Electrical Safety Council, recommend landlords make a visual inspection of all the electrical appliances provided within each rented property so check cables aren't worn or that plugs are damaged. It is also recommended that any new items feature the 'CE' kite mark which is the manufacturer's claim that it meets all European safety legislation.

Whether you then decide to get all the items PAT checked is a matter of choice not law. But most experts agree that, if landlords want peace of mind, then the £50-£100 it will cost to get a qualified electrician in to complete PAT checks is worth it.

A visual examination is the most important factor, but if an item were to short and then catch fire then being able to prove that it had been PAT checked recently (every two years for smaller items and four years for larger ones) would help matters.

More importantly PAT checks may flag up potential problems before tenants move in but don't rely on them alone - they should not be completed instead of a visual check but rather as a back up.



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Drivetime

Magnificent estate from BMW

By Bruce Booth

HARD on the heels of the introduction of BMW's 5 Series Gran Turismo and Saloon pairing, the last piece of the jigsaw in the form of the Touring hit our streets in late 2010, a truly magnificent estate car that, for me at least, had to be the pick of the range.

In the fourth generation of what is one of the UK's most popular executive estate cars, the German manufacturers have for the past 20-odd years, kept improving on what many believed to be perfection, with a succession of high-tech advances and innovations.

The 5 Series Touring, though more sporty, more dynamic looking and more practical than previous models, is no different, offering a truly dynamic driving experience, thanks in part to double wishbone front suspension and self-levelling air suspension at the rear, which balances the car and compensates when carrying heavy loads.

At launch, the new machine had a choice of three petrol and four diesel engines, while it could then be tailor-made with a wide choice

of optional packages and goodies to fulfil almost any requirement.

Even in entry 520d SE diesel guise – the model in which I completed a 1,500-mile run from Munich to Glasgow – buyers could opt for an eight-speed automatic transmission, the first time a four-cylinder oil-burning unit had been made available mated to such a transmission system.

And in another first, the manual version came fitted with an emissions-bursting and fuel-saving automatic start-stop function, which was also coupled to an optimum gearshift indicator and brake energy regeneration system.

Pumping out 181bhp from its four-pot, direct fuel injection, turbocharged unit, top speed came in at a much respectable 137mph while the standard zero to 62mph sprint could be completed in only 8.3 seconds.

With CO2 emissions of 139g/km for the automatic version and 53.3mpg on the combined cycle, it was little surprise that the 520d Touring's fuel economy and emission figures were then unrivalled within its sector.



Inside the car, acres of plush leather and lashings of wood veneer are set off by chrome highlights. The electrically-adjustable seats offer fabulous support and the seat height and back rest angle can be adjusted at the touch of a button, making long-distance cruising an absolute joy.

As for on-board equipment, the list seemed endless, with Bluetooth, climate control, steering wheel-mounted controls for the CD sound system and cruise control, Isofix mounting, electric

mirrors and windows and front and rear park distance control just a sample of the many features fitted as standard.

At the time, there was lots of discussion regarding the pros and cons of BMW's rotary-controlled iDrive system. However, I had no issues with the one installed on the 520d and after just a quick explanation of its main functions, found it to be user friendly, simple and easy to understand.

As always, safety issues also play an important part in all BMWs, and a full array of elec-

tronic and mechanical aids helped give the Touring a maximum five-star NCAP rating.

For used car buyers, one feature I would certainly look out for is the funky, yet brilliant, heads-up display which projects vital information such as speed, cruise control settings and sat nav directional arrows directly onto the windscreen well inside the driver's field of vision.

As a luxurious long-distance cruiser that's equally at home in busy city streets, the BMW 5 Series Touring has always been high on the list for those in the market for a premium quality machine that's got it all, and as such, second-hand prices hold up well.

A 2010 320i SE model sporting a 10-plate will have a price tag somewhere between £13,405 and £17,100 depending on condition and mileage.

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Drivers shun robocars

By David Whinyates

THE vast majority of British motorists have given an emphatic thumbs down to so-called robocars.

Two thirds of drivers questioned in a survey of over 1,000 motorists said they are against government plans to allow driverless robot cars on British roads by January next year.

And nearly nine out of ten road users said that all autonomous vehicles should be installed with forward facing video incident cameras to show if they were at fault in the event of a collision.

Business Secretary Vince Cable last month announced a £10m trial for driverless cars in three cities and on certain roads such as motorways and in specific lanes.

But a survey by car inci-

dent camera firm SmartWitness showed that 66.2 per cent of drivers think that further checks are needed before these automated cars are allowed on public highways.

SmartWitness Managing Director Simon Marsh said: "Two thirds of motorists said that the Government was premature in allowing driverless cars on UK roads and that more tests were needed to ensure the safety of the new technology."

"Also there were concerns raised about liability and whether these vehicles could be insured because computer error could easily be called into question on any accident involving a driverless car. As a result nearly nine out of ten motorists called for incident cameras to be compulsory in these so-called robocars

so that there would be clear evidence of which vehicle was at fault in the event of a collision."

Several major car manufacturers are already developing self-driving vehicles including Volvo, Nissan, Mercedes-Benz, Ford, Vauxhall, Volkswagen and Honda, and they have been joined by internet giant Google in advancing the technology.

All models are expected to have a manual over-ride, allowing the driver to take control if necessary but the SmartWitness survey found that most motorists were extremely skeptical about buying into the new technology - 69 per cent of those surveyed said they would not want to buy a driverless car and 42.6 per cent said that they would refuse to go on a journey in one.

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SHRIMPERS STICK TO WINNING WAYS

Non-league round-up

Woes for Woking

by Brian Jeeves.

GREAT Woking Rovers disastrous start to their Ryman League One North campaign continued as Maldon & Tiptree grabbed a late winner at Burroughs Park. Rovers held the lead at the interval thanks to a Jay Nash strike. But a Stevenson penalty just after the break followed by a late Nick Skelton own goal ensured maximum points for the visitors and condemned last season's Essex Senior League champions to their third straight defeat.

Elsewhere in the Ryman North, a brace from both Calvin Poku and Christopher Taylor earned Barkingside a 4-2 win over Brentwood Town, while Aveley picked up a 2-0 success at Brightlingsea Regent.

Goals from Sam West and Thomas Wood helped Tilbury gain a 2-2 draw at much fancied Harlow Town, but there were defeats for the regions other sides. Redbridge were thrashed 4-0 at Dereham Town while strikes from James Peagram and Ben Bradbury saw Waltham Abbey topple Romford.

Thurrock went down by a single goal to Needham Market at Ship Lane, while Burnham Ramblers also slipped up as Soham Town Rangers left Leslie Field winning by the odd goal in three.

In the Premier Division, Billericay Town made the most of their visit to Lewes. Goals from Ricky Sappleton and Ryan Scott earned the New Lodge outfit a 2-0 success. Prior to the match, Town announced the eye-catching signing of former Southend United striker Seedy Njije.

And there was a win on the road for Canvey Island, as a Jay Curran goal earned three precious points at Peacehaven & Telscombe. Witham Town notably won by four goals to two at Hampton & Richmond Borough and there were draws for Grays Athletic, 1-1 with Leatherhead, and East Thurrock United, 0-0 with Wingate & Finchley. In the other game, AFC Hornchurch's indifferent start to the season continued as they went down 1-0 at Kingstonian.

There was a mixed bag of results for our Vanarama Conference teams. At Cressing Road, Premier Division Braintree Town took a first half lead against Chester thanks to a penalty from Davis. However, the Seals hit back through McConville and Iwelumo to secure a 3-1 success.

In the South Division, Chelmsford City picked up a useful point with a goalless draw at Bath City, but it wasn't such good news for Concord Rangers who crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Hayes & Yeading United. Glozier grabbing a late consolation for the Beach Boys after Bufano, Wishart and Pacquette had found the net for the home side.

There were plenty of goals in the Extra Preliminary Round of the FA Cup. Hullbridge Sports went down 5-4 in an astonishing tie at Cockfosters while Southend Manor were edged out 3-2 at Colney Heath. Clapton and Bowers & Pitsea must try again after their 1-1 draw at the Old Spotted Dog, but Basildon United tasted success, beating Stanway Rovers by three goals to two.

Southend United

Southend United 2 Stevenage 0
Sky Bet League Two
By Rowland Lyons
at Roots Hall

SOUTHEND'S 'perfect' new-season start continued on Saturday with a comfortable win over relegated Boro, courtesy of Myles Weston and Ben Coker first-half strikes.

The Shrimpers' early domination paid off when Weston latched on to a long Daniel Bentley clearance - with Barry Corr getting the vital knock-on - and beat the offside trap and coolly planted a fine first-time left footed skimmer past the diving Sam Beasant.

The well-placed Darius Charles then wasted a good chance on 20 minutes for Boro - blazing over from the edge of the box.

Blues then made them pay from Bentley's ensuing goal kick. Coker swapped passes with Corr and fired home a fine curling effort past the despairing Beasant with his 'wrong', right foot.

Boro were close to reducing the arrears eight minutes later, but the underworked Bentley produced a fine, point-blank stop to deny Adam Marriott a certain goal, before Bira Dembele sliced wide after a poor Bentley punch-out.

The visitors kept up the pressure and Bentley made another fine block - at his near post - to deny Chris Whelpdale in stoppage time.

With their noses in front, Southend had to defend stoutly at times after the interval although when they broke away Coulthurst and Barry Corr went close to leave a happy boss, Phil Brown saying: "It was effectively game over in the first twenty minutes. You couldn't have asked for better fin-

ishes from Myles Weston and Ben Coker - but we are still trying to find our fluency this early in the season. "But, points on the board are what it is all about. We had a good year, last year, there were times when we didn't really do ourselves justice - the times when we went twelve games without a win - but we had done the hard work at the start of the season - and consequently you still find yourself in the play-off situation. I'm not looking at league tables at the moment - nor are the players - I hope - just AFC Wimbledon on Tuesday."

Boro boss, Graham Westley, added: "I thought they [Southend] deserved to win the game over the 90 minutes. The game didn't get off to the best start for us, but you have to say we took on a play-off chasing side from last year. They've built on that bringing in some quality and they were a very tough test for us early in the season as our evolution as a team. But, we made some poor, basic mistakes and that cost us on two occasions."

Match winner, Coker, admitted: "Today's win and two clean sheets in our first two games was just what we wanted - starting the season in a similar fashion to last year. I just like getting forward as much as I can - being an attacking fullback. But, it is good to get two wins in two games."

Southend United: Daniel Bentley, John White, Cian Bolger, Luke Prosser, Ben Coker, Kevan Hurst (David Worrall 74), Myles Weston, Conor Clifford, Ryan Leonard, Shaquille Coulthurst (Lee Barnard 81), Barry Corr.

Stevenage: Sam Beasant, Jon Ashton, Harry Worley (Andy Bond 14), Dean Wells (captain), Bira Dembele (Jerome Okimo 74), Chris Whelpdale, Simon Walton, Charlie Lee, Tom Pett (Roarie Deacon 58), Adam Marriott, Darius Charles.



Myles Weston puts Blues ahead
Photo by Dave Montier

Hutton score perfect 10

Cricket

AN unbeaten century by Jack Potticary and 72 not out from Hanuma Vihari in an unbroken, convincing first wicket partnership took Hutton to third in the Shepherd Neame Essex League Division One as they beat Wickford by 10 wickets.

Having lost the toss and been put in the field Hutton steadily worked their way through the Wickford batting, with only Darren Robinson making a score of note before he was out trying to loft Vihari to cow corner and was caught by Chris McNally at mid-wicket for 57.

When Robinson fell the score was

83-1, thereafter there was a procession of wickets to fall to Vihari and captain Jim Crapnell with both bowlers taking 5 wicket hauls as Wickford were dismissed for 181.

Potticary and Vihari opened the innings and the result never looked really in doubt. Both openers continued their good form and took the attack to Wickford and hit the bowling to all parts of the ground. Potticary ended unbeaten on 108 from 60 balls and Vihari 72 not out from 70 balls.

The result leaves Hutton third in the division 26 points adrift of Buckhurst Hill in second place. Hutton's next game is at home to Woodford Wells on August 23.

Foakes opts for Surrey move from next season

ESSEX wicket-keeper and batsman, Ben Foakes, will be leaving to join Surrey County Cricket Club at the end of the season.

Foakes, 21, has found his Essex wicket-keeping duties limited and leaves to join Surrey in the hope of becoming their first choice wicket-keeper.

Essex head coach, Paul Grayson said, "We have been lucky enough at Essex to have had a line of top class wicket-keeper batsmen over

the past few years and with James Foster continuing to perform at the highest level as England's best wicket-keeper, Ben has found his keeping options limited.

"We wanted Ben to stay at the club, especially as he is one of our own who we have nurtured through our academy.

"We offered him the opportunity to stay at Essex but we totally understand the reasons why he wants to leave and we wish him all the best."

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How does the 'Recycling Rewards Communities' scheme work?



Following the success of the 'Recycling Rewards You' scheme, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council is introducing 'Recycling Rewards Communities' which not only rewards individuals for their recycling efforts but also to inspire and reward community projects to help promote recycling.

The scheme is entirely funded by Central Government and encourages local residents to enter a prize draw to win £250 by pledging to recycle. At the same time, you can **vote for your favourite registered community organisation or project** from a list of fantastic projects operating across Southend-on-Sea. At the end of the scheme, the five community projects that receive the most votes will receive a cash prize for their community organisation or project.

How to participate in the scheme:

- 1 Visit www.southend.gov.uk/recyclingrewardcommunities and click on the 'reward scheme' link.
- 2 If you do not have internet access collect a pledge card from any library in Southend-on-Sea and post it back.
- 3 To enter into the first and subsequent prize draws make sure you pledge by 5pm on 6th Aug (on-line) and 7th Aug 2014 (postal). The final date for pledging is 5pm on 29th Oct (on-line) and 30th Oct 2014 (postal). Entry into one draw will give you automatic entry into subsequent draws.
- 4 When pledging, residents must vote for a community project from the list provided. The community project with the highest number of votes at the end of the promotional period will win 1st prize. The runner up prizes will be determined by the number of votes in a sequential order up to 5th prize place. Prizes are £4,000, £3,000, £2,000, £1,000 and £500 respectively.



- 5 One pledge will be selected at random on 11th Aug, 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct, 3rd Nov 2014 to win the £250 cheques. The selected persons pink recycling sack and blue food waste collection bin will be checked and must be free from contamination.*
- 6 Prizes will be awarded to the person named on the pledge form, regardless of any other individuals residing at the winning address.
- 7 Participants must be residents of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea, aged 18+ only.
- 8 For full terms and conditions see www.recyclinginsouthend.org/termsandconditions or call (01702) 215006.
- 9 Promoter: Southend-On-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER

*Contamination is material unsuitable for recycling or composting such as polystyrene in the pink recycling sack or food waste packaging in the blue food waste collection bin. For further information visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling



Frequently asked questions



I don't have any compostable food waste liners or pink recycling sacks, how can these be obtained?

If you require additional food waste liners place your reusable hanger on the handle of your collection bin and our collection operatives will post one roll of liners through your letterbox. If you have misplaced your hanger, these can be collected from any of the library branches located within the Southend-on-Sea Borough, along with extra pink recycling sacks if you have run out.



I don't have a food waste kitchen caddy and/or collection bin, how can these be obtained?

If you require a blue food waste kitchen caddy or collection bin, visit www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste or call **(01702) 215006** and we will arrange for one to be delivered to you free of charge within three working days. Then you can pledge in the normal way.



I live in a block of flats and recycle in a communal area. Can I still participate?

Yes you can! All you will need to do is pledge to recycle either on-line or by post. Any winners who live in a block of flats that use communal bins for their pink recycling sacks and food waste collections will be asked a number of questions to show they have a basic understanding of both the pink recycling sack and food waste collection services.



Is it cost effective to spend money rewarding residents to recycle?

This scheme is entirely funded by a grant from Central Government given to increase recycling. Last year the Council spent over £3 million sending black sack waste to landfill. Some of this could have been recycled, avoiding landfill costs and helping reduce the impact of waste on the environment.



For further information about recycling and waste contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (01702) 215006. For full details regarding the 'Recycling Rewards Communities' scheme visit www.southend.gov.uk/recyclingrewardcommunities

Our Community Projects

Don't
forget to
vote!

It's important that when you pledge to recycle you also vote for your favourite community project. At the end of the scheme the five community projects with the most votes will win special cash prizes. The 1st prize is £4,000, 2nd prize is £3,000, 3rd prize is £2,000, 4th prize is £1,000 and 5th prize is £500. This is money that will be put to helping some excellent projects across Southend. The 13 community projects available to vote for are listed below:

- **Ability Action** – Works to break down barriers that all disabled people face on a day-to-day basis.
- **Avenue Baptist Church** – Reaches out to the community through various activities for all ages and social groups.
- **Avenue Child Contact Centre** – Enhance relationships following breakdown for parents who are not living with their children.
- **The Big Society** – A mix of retail opportunities for local people including a Green Cafe and Community Garden
- **Hindu Elderly People Day Centre** – Encouraging Hindu communities to socialise, stay active and meet friends.
- **Little Heroes** – A support network for families with children diagnosed with autism in Southend.
- **Milton Community Partnership** – Improving the quality of life for people living in Milton Ward.
- **Southend Carnival** – 10 days of community events held annually in August including a carnival procession on Southend seafront.
- **Southend Community-in-Harmony** – Celebrating Southend's diverse social, cultural, religious and ethnic heritage.
- **Southend Older People's Assembly** – A voice for all over 55's in Southend.
- **South Essex Asian Women's Association** – Providing advice and support to improve the quality of life for Asian women.
- **Serving the Homeless** – Provides practical and financial support to local initiatives that help alleviate homelessness.
- **Trinity Family Centre** – Runs all kinds of cheap, fun and educational activities for local people of all ages, cultures and abilities.

Revised Collection Dates

Over the August Bank Holiday period, your collection days will alter. Please refer to the table below to identify your revised collection dates.

August Bank Holiday 2014

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 25th August	Tuesday 26th August
Tuesday 26th August	Wednesday 27th August
Wednesday 27th August	Thursday 28th August
Thursday 28th August	Friday 29th August
Friday 29th August	Saturday 30th August

Please ensure all sacks and bins are available for collection from 7.00am, in a visible location at the front boundary of your property. Please do not place on the public footpath, highway or verge. For more information about recycling, visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006.



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